

**Minutes of the
Utah Technology Industry Council Meeting
Held April 22, 2004 at the State Capitol**

The meeting was called to order at 9:08 am. In attendance were:

Voting Members:

Paul Clayson	-	Chair
Peter Genereaux	-	Exec. Resource Group
Kevin Cummings	-	ATK Aerospace
Brian Moss	-	ULSA
Nancy Lyon	-	University of Utah
Stan Lockhart	-	Micron

Other Attendees:

Sharon Cox	-	State of Utah-DCED
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Minutes of last Meeting: The minutes of the last meeting were unanimously approved.

Joint UTC/UTIC Meeting: The chairman informed the members that the agenda for this meeting included a review of the status of the 2004 UTIC Legislative Issues. He then reviewed the list of issues that the UTIC had previously presented to the UTC and asked for further input from the members.

Constitutional Revision Issue: Peter Genereaux suggested that the issue regarding Constitutional Revision be presented as being only partially passed. The chairman agreed and stated that he would present the issue as such. Mr. Genereaux also suggested that the second part of the Constitutional Revision issue not be included on the list of 2005 Interim Study Items, due to lack of support for the same in spite of exhaustive efforts on the part of the Universities and the MBIC.

A motion to add the words *and business incubation* to item #1 under the second item on the UTIC Study Issues list, changing the sentence to read: “A meaningful custom fit training program *and business incubation* with better access by companies, funded at a level that has an impact”, was moved by Peter Genereaux and unanimously approved.

SBIR Grants: The Chairman raised the subject of SBIR grants, referring to the recent presentation given by Ann Eskensen, which highlighted the low participation of Utah companies in that program. Discussion took place on how to move forward on this issue. Suggestions included (a) finding someone in the State who would be a champion and spokesperson for the program, as was the former president of the Utah Engineering Experiment Station; (b) DCED administering the program; and (c) administering the program as a joint public and private endeavor

A motion was subsequently approved to add *Researching Best Practices for Administering the SBIR Program* to the list of Interim Study Items.

Strategic Planning Committee: The Chairman reported that a meeting had been set up with members of the fund raising committee for Friday, April 23. He stated that he would report on the progress of this initiative to members of the UTC at the joint meeting.

Business Attraction & Retention: Stan Lockhart commented that closer relationships need to be developed with major companies in Utah with a view to positioning the State at a competitive advantage when the time comes for these companies to expand. After brief discussion on this subject, Stan offered to speak with State officials and other private organizations such as the EDCU as a beginning point in this endeavor.

Other matters: Nancy Lyon informed the members that Governor Walker has charged the two research institutions with the mission of crafting a plan for collaboration on research, and that a report is due back to the Governor in September. The chairman asked Mrs. Lyon to keep the UTIC informed on the matter. Stan Lockhart mentioned that there is wasted space in some business developments and office complexes, and that some of the developers/owners have indicated to him that they would be willing to donate those spaces for use as research laboratories at minimal cost.

Adjournment: The meeting was then adjourned at 9:55am.